

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants' representative has carefully reviewed the Examiner's Office Action of February 14, 2006, in which the Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. as being indefinite and rejected claims 1-31 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,158,330 to Andress ("Andress") in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,253,834 to Volks ("Volks").

Rejections under 35 USC 112

With respect to the Examiner's rejection of claim 12, the Applicants hereby amend claim 12 replacing the limitation "the solid energy receptor portion" with the term "the portion of the energy receptor surface," which finds antecedent basis in claim 11.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of all claims as obvious over Andress and Volks on the basis that the cited prior art do not teach all of the claim limitations.

With respect to independent claim 1, the prior art does not teach or suggest a solid energy receptor portion positioned *directly above* the gas burner. As discussed on page 10 of the specification, the claimed solid energy receptor portions receive energy, generally in the form of radiant and convective heat, directly from the gas burner, and the energy is conducted from the solid energy receptor portions to the cooking members for cooking the food thereon. The amount of heat received from the burner tubes is enhanced due to the fact that the solid energy receptor portion is positioned *directly above* a substantial portion of a burner flame region of a gas burner and covers a substantial portion of the burner f. As described in other words on page 16 of the specification, and as shown in Figures 6 and 8, the solid energy receptor portion of the

present invention is positioned directly above and extends for at least a substantial portion of a burner flame region of the burner tube.

Conclusion:

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants believe that the claims are sufficiently distinguished from the prior art and are in condition for allowance.

The Applicant believes that a fee for a three month extension of time is required for submission of this document. In that respect, you are hereby authorized to deduct the extension of time fee and any other required amounts from our Deposit Account No. 02-0400 (Baker & McKenzie). When identifying such a withdrawal, please use the Attorney Docket Number WEB-954.

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Respectfully,



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